

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATHENS DIVISION**

TONY LORD,	:	
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Petitioner,	:	
	:	
VS.	:	NO. 3:13-CV-22 (CAR)
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FRED HEAD, Warden,	:	
	:	
Respondent.	:	Proceedings Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 Before the U.S. Magistrate Judge
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ORDER

Before the Court is Georgia Department of Corrections Commissioner Brian Owens' Motion to Intervene as a Party Respondent. Doc. 9. In the Motion, Commissioner Owens requests that the Court allow him to intervene as Respondent in the above-styled federal habeas corpus action in order to defend Petitioner Tony Lord's challenge to his Georgia convictions. Because the existing Respondent, Fred Head, is merely an employee of a private corporation operating the correctional facility where Petitioner is incarcerated pursuant to a contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections, the intervention of Commissioner Brian Owens as Respondent in both necessary and appropriate. See Mitchell v. Kemp, 5:10-CV-397 (CAR). Accordingly, the Motion to Intervene as a Party Respondent (Doc. 9) is **GRANTED**.

SO ORDERED, this 10th day of May, 2013.

s/ Charles H. Weigle
Charles H. Weigle
United States Magistrate Judge